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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Many moons have passed and much water has gone under the bridge since we last sent you a newsletter. I could give many excuses, but what I feel is more important is that we are back into the swing of things with some new faces, much enthusiasm and, in the future, we will be back to see you every quarter.

We do look into this new fiscal year with a great deal of enthusiasm, and the hopes of really being able to assist our local governments in raising each county's level of preparedness. We have developed what we feel is an excellent program management tool to identify needs and weaknesses at all levels of government, and then are able to set some priorities for program accomplishment and work toward those goals so we may measure our accomplishments by having, at each level of government, an increased comprehensive readiness posture for whatever the disaster might be.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our District Representatives will have made their initial visit with many of you and you know what and how we intend on raising those levels of readiness. For those of you they have not visited as yet, they will soon and you too can be briefed on our program management. Our travel budget for our Field Representatives has been increased so hopefully they will be able to work much closer with you and your program accomplishments. But keep in mind, it is your county and your program that they will assist you with; they can only help you in a direct relationship with how much you want to be helped and what you're willing to do with them.

We are enthused and I am proud of what we're doing and what we hope to accomplish this year and in the future; and working together, I know our goals can be accomplished.

C. L. Gilbertson
Administrator

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NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Mr. Alton D. Cook was sworn in as Director of Region VIII, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), on August 24, 1981.

Mr. Cook brings several years of management experience to his new position. From 1969 until his appointment to the post, Mr. Cook was President and Chairman of the Board of two firms he founded: Alton's Real Estate Corporation and Cook and Suns Solar Systems, Inc., both headquartered in Brigham City, Utah.

Prior to that, Mr. Cook worked in the aerospace industry for nearly 20 years.

As a member of the technical staff, Bellcom, Inc. (Washington, D.C.), from 1967-69, Mr. Cook was responsible for consulting assistance to NASA Headquarters in developing a Multiple Docking Adapter Module for NASA's Apollo Applications Program (now known as Skylab). The module serves to link Skylab with other manned spacecraft.

Mr. Alton D. Cook

From 1966-67, Mr. Cook was Senior Product Manager, Thiokol Chemical Corporation (Ogden, Utah) which was involved in the development of sounding rocket systems. His responsibilities in that position included providing field support to rocket launch operations at Cape Kennedy, Florida, Wallops Island, Virginia and other sites.

Mr. Cook also served as the Program Manager of the Mobile MINUTEMAN project for Thiokol from 1959-66. He was also involved in developing and testing the missile's first stage propulsion system and a family of motor and missile transporters for the U. S. Air Force as a Senior Program Manager.

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An aeronautical engineer, Mr. Cook worked with General Dynamics/Convair (San Diego, California) from 1953-59, and as a Senior Flight Test Instrumentation Engineer was responsible for the design and flight testing of the F-106A aircraft. In addition, he was Project Engineer for the U. S. Air Force on the design and modification of aircraft for use in the Korean War.

Prior to his aerospace career, Mr. Cook managed a 700-acre cattle ranch in Fish Haven, Idaho.

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THREE STATES SELECTED FOR PILOT PROGRAM

A giant step toward Comprehensive Emergency Management was achieved when the states of Montana, North Dakota and Utah were selected to participate in a pilot program which will allow those states to shift funds between preparedness programs. Previously, states were restricted by legislation from shifting funds from one program to another and the result was that some programs were overfunded and others underfunded. Prior to FY 82, seven programs within a state were contracted for or agreed upon individually with separate funding for each.

Beginning with FY 82, these programs are incorporated into one document called a Comprehensive Cooperative Agreement. It allows for simplified administration and allows each state to consolidate all funding under a Letter of Credit. The savings in administrative time at the Region Office and the States is expected to be substantial, allowing for more time to be applied toward other goals.

Region VIII officials point out that this pilot program is only the beginning and as experience is gained from the participating states, greater flexibility can be achieved and better management of all Emergency Preparedness programs at the State level realized. However, they point out that this pilot program is a test program and a change in Federal legislation for the funds and programs must be approved by Congress before the program can be approved for nationwide implementation.

Frank Mollner, Chief of the Emergency Management Programs Division at FEMA Region VIII, said he is encouraged by this direction in which FEMA is going. "It will allow for more discretion at the state level and allow each state to manage their own programs as they see fit," he added.

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SPREAD THE WORD! Please help in making our Newsletter more beneficial to all. You all are doing interesting and exciting things for disaster preparedness. Share your activities with us by sending articles for the Newsletter to the State Office. When including photographs, make sure they are good quality black and whites. The next Newsletter is scheduled for January.

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ROY E. RYAN

In Memory

It's hard to comprehend Roy is gone,
His presence seemingly lingers near.
That fellowship so warm and dear,
His touch and talent lives on.

Echoes His silent voices here
Among these vaulted halls,
His voice still we hear,
His lingering laughter calls.

Time may change
One of us for another,
But choices will never arrange
His place for the other.

Edward A. Swetish

Roy E. Ryan (November 18, 1924 - July 15, 1981) - the highly respected member of the D.E.S. staff and Training Officer since December 5, 1977. Roy was the "behind-the-scenes" focal point that made all the training sessions, seminars, Governor's Conferences, RDO sessions and the like, successful. Roy worked tirelessly to make every reservation, every detail, every schedule come right out to the minute. D.E.S., state-wide, had a real friend in Roy for the many problems that arose in the whole spectrum of training. He had the solutions and the ability to accomplish whatever needed done.

Roy joined the DES State staff in the Calibration and Maintenance Section on October 8, 1970, holding that position until December 5, 1977, when he was elevated to the position of Training Officer. He held that position until his death on July 15, 1981.

Roy was also active in civic affairs in and around Helena. He was instrumental in establishing the first Montana State Racquetball Association. He was active in horse shows and Big Brothers and Sisters. As a member of the County Fair Board, Roy did much to promote good horse showing events and all other matters pertaining to the County Fair.

Roy is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons, Pat of Billings and Mike of Helena; and two daughters, Connie McEachern of Jefferson City and Cindy who is still at home. He is also survived by one brother and three sisters.

Roy was buried on Friday, July 17, in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in the Helena Valley.

ROY RYAN ANNUAL MEMORIAL AWARD

PURPOSE:

This award established in 1981 by the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Association is in memory of Mr. Roy Ryan. Mr. Ryan, prior to his death on July 15, 1981, was an employee of the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena. Roy was an avid supporter of Montana 4-H Horse Show events with his interest stemming from his daughter, Cindy's, participation in horse show activities. This award will be a living memorial for his work in both the Disaster and Emergency Services and 4-H programs.

AWARD CRITERIA:

The traveling trophy will be presented annually to a participant in the Montana State 4-H Horse Show. The overall showman in the 14 year old and older division will be judged the winner. Judging will follow 4-H Horse Show standards. The award will be presented annually for 10 years beginning in 1981.

MECHANICS:

1. The Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinators Association will purchase the traveling trophy.

2. The Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinators Association will present the Montana 4-H Committee with a check in the amount of $25.00 to defray the expense of engraving the ten winners' names on the trophy.

3. The Montana 4-H Committee will be responsible for insuring that the trophy is available for presentation at each annual 4-H Horse Show. This presentation will be made by the local Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator from the county hosting the Montana 4-H Horse Show. If this is not feasible, the State 4-H Committee will present the trophy.

4. Each year's winner will be responsible for the care of the trophy while it is in his/her possession. If for some reason the recipient of the trophy should move from the State, the Montana 4-H Committee must be notified to make arrangements for the return of the trophy at the end of the year's reign.

5. Each year the Montana 4-H Committee will notify the Montana State Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena in writing the name and address of the winner.

6. At the completion of the ten year presentations, the trophy will be presented to Miss Cindy Ryan. The Montana 4-H Committee will guarantee that the trophy is returned to Cindy Ryan or to a local Disaster & Emergency Services Coordinator or to the State Disaster & Emergency Services Division in Helena.

* For Future Information: DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CIVIL DEFENSE ARE ONE AND THE SAME.

Pictured Left to Right: Cindy Ryan, Jim Kraft & Helen Ryan

To All Local DES Coordinators and Employees of the State Disaster and Emergency Services Division:

Please accept my deep and heart felt appreciation for your efforts in obtaining the Roy E. Ryan Memorial Trophy for the State 4-H Show. Cindy, Connie, Pat, our granddaughter, Jana Marie, and myself were all there when Jim Kraft presented it to Julie Kirkland of Billings on September 19th. The trophy is beautiful and a wonderful tribute to Roy. It shall be treasured by all of us.

Thank you so very much.

Helen Ryan

NEW FIELD REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT TWO

Mr. Charles McCombs came aboard on August 10, 1981, as District Two Field Representative filling the position left vacant by the retirement of Dave Fox.

In 1975, Charles retired from the U. S. Navy with twenty years experience as an Air Traffic Controller. While in the Navy, he also served on one of their first nuclear disaster task forces. He also spent seven years as a member of both the nuclear and natural disaster response teams and was involved in evacuation and recovery actions during several Gulf Coast hurricanes.

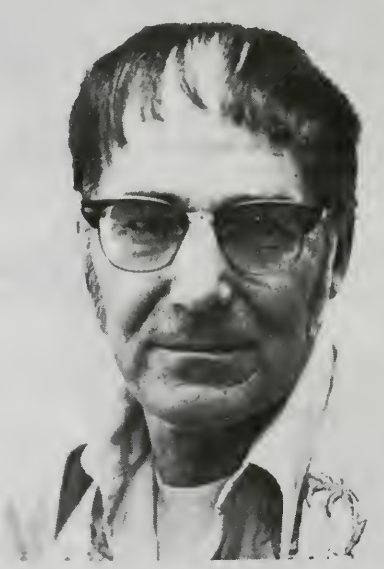
After retiring from the Navy, Charles worked for four years as a Training Instructor with the Bureau of Reclamation; he then transferred to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a WPO.

Charles, his wife and two of their five children presently live on a small farm Northwest of Great Falls. The other three children are married and live in Utah. The McCombs also have two grandchildren.

Chuck, as some of us call him, enjoys golfing, fishing and running his small farm, now necessarily in that order, however.

We're glad to have Chuck with us and wish him good luck in his new adventure as Field Representative.

DISTRICT 4 HAS NEW FIELD REPRESENTATIVE



Norman R. Parrent

Norm Parrent, former DES Coordinator for Big Horn County, was recently appointed Field Representative for District 4 and has moved back to Miles City where he and his wife were married 30 years ago. Norm is filling the position of Field Representative formerly held by Jack Bacon.

Norm served as DES Coordinator for Big Horn County from 1971 until his resignation on July 31, 1981. He has an extensive background in emergency management and also started the Big Horn County EMS Program. His special interest in communications and audio visual equipment will make him a valuable addition to our State DES staff.

Norm will make every effort to stay in touch with the counties in Eastern Montana. If you can't reach him by phone, he personally owns his own car radio equipment and can be reached on either 39.82 Mhz or 39.98 Mhz.

NEW DES COORDINATORS

POWDER RIVER COUNTY -

Mrs. Robert (Ann) Carroll has been appointed part-time DES Coordinator for Powder River County effective September 1, 1981.

Mrs. Carroll's husband, Bob, is employed by the Powder River County Road Department and is very active in the volunteer fire group. They have one son, one daughter, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Ann likes to crochet, make keepsake books for special occasions, macrame, and can food from her garden.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY -

Doreene Ingram assumed the position of half-time DES Coordinator and half-time Coordinator for Aging for Roosevelt County effective October 1, 1981.

Doreene spent many years and is well qualified in the field of drug and alcohol counseling in both Montana and Arizona. She just recently moved to Wolf Point from Glendive where she was Co-director for the Area I Agency on Aging, active in the nine-county senior citizens' program and responsible for the financial accounting and grant writing for these nine counties.

Doreene is the mother of five children who have presented her with several grandchildren. She loves all outdoor activities and prefers small-town, rural living to the life in large cities.

DES is a new field to Doreene and she is looking forward to the challenges it offers.

WELCOME, DOREENE AND ANN!

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GENERATOR WANTED - Granite County is looking for a small emergency generator (5-10 KV range). Price depends on condition. Please contact Granite County Commissioners, Granite County Courthouse, Philipsburg, Montana 59858, Phone: 859-3771.

WOULD LIKE TO TRADE - Beaverhead County would like to trade a 1956 GMC 2½-ton truck with van (19,349 miles) for a quarter-ton jeep with trailer. The van is in good shape and the truck runs fine; it just isn't what their Search and Rescue Group needs. Contact Rodger Johnson, DES Coordinator, Phone: 683-5800 or 683-5321.

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FEMA HAPPENINGS

As you are all aware, under the Reagan Administration many things have changed at the National and Regional levels. Some of those things which might interest you are:

Louis Giuffrida of California was appointed National Director and is rapidly moving forward with a different alignment of people and functions in the National Office. He has most of his key directorates appointed and confirmed and is moving forward.

Mr. Alton Cook of Utah was appointed our new Regional Director for FEMA Region VIII. We are looking forward to working with Mr. Cook and his staff for much progress in this and coming years.

Although we have not received our Federal FY 82 budget figures yet, we feel that:

We should receive a small increase in EMA Funding (we'll still be short);

Support materials and EOC funding will be back at some level (be thinking about what your needs will be);

Our other Federal contracts should be renewed with a cost of living increase;

The Training and Education Contract is back with an increase and also a 75% Federal Share-25% State and Local Share restriction. As we learn more about this cost sharing, it should make no difference for local governments. We will continue to reimburse for training activities as we have in the past with the exception of local participants attending the out-of-state Phase Schools. The locals participating in these courses may have to pick up the costs of their own meals. We're working on this and hope to have a decision before the next scheduled school. The State will pick up the 25% of State and Local match through in-kind expenditures;

We will continue to have a 75/25 match for disaster recovery functions. Federal legislation is pending, however, I feel the match will be with us for some time, but the eligible items for reimbursement may be broadened;

A Radiological Defense Officer position, which will be fully Federally funded, will be offered to each state (we hope to advertise this position soon);

If the State receives an allocation for EOC's for FY 82, we anticipate at the State level to submit a project application to upgrade some of our State EOC equipment and facilities. If we can qualify for a state in-kind match of up to $75,000 (federal share), we hope to upgrade our emergency power and other items which will increase our operational capability. We do have to get spending authority from the State Legislature when they meet in special session in November. We don't anticipate any problems in receiving this approval, but if we do, we may be asking for local government support with your Legislators.

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MONTANA REPRESENTED AT USCDC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eight representatives of the Montana Association recently attended the 30th Annual National Conference of the United States Civil Defense Council, which was held in Denver, Colorado, October 11th-16th. Those from Montana who went were: Helen Elliott, Billie Wallace, Wilma Puich, Frank Frankovich, Terry Mercer, Bill Murray and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wosepka.

Speakers for the five day conference included: General Louis O. Giuffrida, Director of FEMA; Bob Peterson, EMI Institute; Ugo Morelli, Program Manager Mitigation and Research FEMA; Robert Forbuss, General Manager, Mercy Ambulance Co., Las Vegas, Nevada; Mr. Lee Thomas, Associate Director, State and Local Programs and Support, FEMA; and many others.

Besides the educational program, the Denver Office really entertained us all royally. On Sunday evening, a "Mile High Get Together" was held and included dancing and free wine. On Tuesday evening, we all boarded buses for the Adams County Fairgrounds where we had a Chuckwagon Jamboree and another dance. By the way, Billie Wallace is an expert square dancer. The final banquet was held at the Plaza Cosmopolitan Hotel and we were entertained by two charming Hawaiian dancers, a Denver Choral Group and the installation of the new USCDC officers.

A really different hazardous material course was presented by Alex M. Hunter, District Attorney, 20th Judicial District, State of Colorado. He demonstrated with the use of video equipment and telephones how valuable expertise can be made available to a county with the push of a button. He was able to see and talk to individuals as far away as London, England, to gain the advice he needed.

Another tremendous program featured the Manager of the Mercy Ambulance Co., in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the problems they faced with both the MGM and Hilton fires.

There were many side notes and instances which occurred with and to the crew from Montana, however, I'm saving all of this for the Governor's Conference. All in all it was a good session. You will be reading more about it in the next issue of the USCDC Bulletin.

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BILL MURRAY RECEIVES AWARD

Cascade County DES Coordinator, Bill Murray, was presented a Distinguished Service Citation Award by the Immediate Past President of USCDC. Bill received the award for his contribution to the Civil Defense Program and for his support to Mr. Brady and USCDC this past year.

The beautiful plaque was presented to Bill at the Wednesday luncheon of the USCDC Conference in Denver, Colorado. We, in Montana, are all very proud of Bill and the work he does for us and the rest of the country.

Wilma Puich, DES Coordinator
Butte/Silver Bow County

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TRAINING SCHEDULE

The RM and HM Training Schedule through January, 1982, is as follows. Please take note and start planning to get your people trained.

November 16-20	Silver Bow and Powell Counties RM & HM Classes by Jim Brown
November 30 - December 4	Liberty, Toole and Glacier Counties RM & HM Classes by Ed Swetish
December 14-18	Granite and Deer Lodge Counties RM & HM Classes by Jim Brown
January 4-8	Chouteau and Judith Basin Counties RM & HM Classes by Ed Swetish
January 18-22	Carbon, Stillwater and Sweet Grass Counties RM & Hm Classes by Jim Brown

There is a deficiency of trained Shelter Monitors and assignments for the fixed monitoring stations need updating. This would be a good time to take stock of your needs, based on your Program Papers, and train people to fill your requirements.

The Monitor and Shelter Kits are also exchanged when the RADEF people visit your county. It is of great importance and help if all of the kits are accounted for prior to the visit.

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FEMA TRAINING

Don't forget your professional development courses will be conducted both at Region and National. Region will have their courses in Colorado Springs and National's will be at Emmitsburg, Maryland. FEMA pays your travel to and from these courses plus your motel room. You are responsible for your own meals.

REGION COURSES	Region VIII (Colorado Springs)	Region VII (Kansas City)*
Phase I		January 11-27, 1982
Phase II	January 11-27, 1982	March 15-26, 1982
Pase III	March 15-26, 1982	July, 1982 (exact dates have not been established at this time)

*Region VII Courses are available on a limited basis.

NATIONAL COURSES - Emmitsburg - TWX

Make your plans early to attend these courses. They fill up fast so don't hesitate. Applications are available through your District Field Representatives.

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EMI COURSE SCHEDULE

The second quarter EMI Course Schedule for FY 82 is as follows:

January 11-13	FEMA National Security Training Workshop
January 11-15	Basic Disaster Operations Course
February 1-5	Radiological Emergency Planning Course
February 1-12	Career Development in Emergency Management, Phase III
February 8-12	Radiological Accident Assessment Course
February 8-12	Long-Term Recovery from Natural Disaster Workshop
February 22-26	Disaster Operations/Individual Assistance Program
February 22 - March 5	Fallout Shelter Analysis Course
March 1-5	FEMA Professional Development Workshop
March 1-5	Advanced Disaster Operations Course
March 8-12	Intergovernmental Relations Seminar
March 15-19	Industry/Business Emergency Planning Seminar Workshops
March 22-26	Fundamentals of Natural Hazard Management Course
March 29 - April 9	Career Development in Emergency Management, Phase IV Seminars

Applications for these courses can be obtained through your District Field Representatives.

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WANTED - West Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Deer Lodge County, desperately needs an air compressor capable of filling scuba air tanks in 10-15 minutes. Please contact Gene Jorgensen, 211 Rumsey, Anaconda, MT 59711, phone - 563-7574; or Elmer Peterson, DES Coordinator, phone - 563-8421, extension 233.

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GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

Don't forget to get your room reservations in right away. The Governor's Conference will be held at the Yellowstone Motor Inn in Livingston the 17th of February. Our Winter Advanced Seminar will follow on the 18th and 19th. The Yellowstone Motor Inn has allotted half their rooms for County Commissioners; the other 50 rooms are being saved for State and Local DES personnel. Rooms at the Yellowstone Motor Inn are on a first-come-first-serve basis, so if you want to stay at the Yellowstone Motor Inn, make your reservations early. Overflow DES people will be staying at the DelMar Motel. The rates for both motels are as follows:

Yellowstone Motor Inn (222-6110)		DelMar Motel (222-3120)	
Single (One Bed)	- $23.00	Single (One Bed)	- $22.00
Double (One Bed)	- $27.00	Double (One Bed)	- $24.00
Double (Two Beds)	- $30.00	Double (Two Beds)	- $26.00

REMEMBER - if you are making reservations for your County Commissioners, let the motel know otherwise their rooms will be from our allotment.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE - EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Helena Elliott, DES Coordinator for Pondera County, and Edward A. Swetish, Emergency Management Technician from the State DES Office, attended the Graduate Seminar Program at EMI from August 31 to September 4, 1981. They were among 71 participants representing 34 states.

The course schedule was filled with many interesting and timely subjects. The subject matter was based upon requests submitted by the participants through a series of questionnaires prior to the commencement of the course. The highlight of the course was a one-day tour through Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plants at Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Because of nearly continuous rain, the one-mile walking trips to Emmitsburg were limited, but that didn't necessarily dampen the spirits. Other "off hour" activities that rounded out a busy week were the "social" at the Cabin and a tour of the Gettysburg Battle Field.

The food and facilities at the Institute were excellent.

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FALL ADVANCED SEMINAR

The Annual Fall Advanced Seminar was held in Livingston, Montana at the Yellowstone Motor Inn on September 14th, 15th and 16th. The agenda and course selection were developed by the Montana Association of Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinators. This year's attendance was one of the best, and we have received nothing but favorable comments concerning the seminar.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

In conjunction with the Advanced Seminar, the second annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament was held. Experienced golfers (Pro's) were teamed up with the non-golfers (Amateurs). After the first tee-off, each team was to alternate shots using the same ball. To further equalize the play, each player was limited to one golf club and a putter.

This year's champs, Helen Elliott, Pondera County DES Coordinator, and Chuck McCombs, District Two Field Representative, finished well after dark. It appears they had difficulty following the rules. I'm sure we'll hear more about this from Wilma at the Governor's Conference.

Thanks to arrangements made by Mike Fleming, Park County DES Coordinator, the day's festivities were concluded with a great steak dinner at the Country Club. At the conclusion of the meal, Jim Kraft, on behalf of MADESC, presented retiring Joe Hickey with a present. Joe Hickey followed next with a non-announcement regarding his retirement.

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NUCLEAR CIVIL PROTECTION (NCP)

During the first quarter of FY 82, the NCP Staff, District 2 and 3 Field Representatives, and County DES Coordinators will be working on the Memorandum of Understanding between Malmstrom AFB and the State of Montana. In the Memorandum, the State has agreed to list citizens residing within a two-mile radius of each missile site. The listing will include the name, dwelling location, telephone number and information on each person requiring assistance if evacuation becomes necessary due to an accident at a missile site. The listing is due in January.

We appreciate the assistance given thus far from each county on accomplishing our State commitment.

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ATTENTION: An up-to-date list of all amateur (ham) radio operators in the state is available from: Yellowstone Radio Club
c/o Conley Radio Supply
318 N. 16th Street
Billings, MT 59101

The book lists operators by town. The cost is $3.50 for single copies ($3.00 plus $.50 shipping). Make checks payable to "Yellowstone Radio Club".

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WARNING THE PUBLIC

A Study of citizen response in towns (Toutle & Silver Lake) close to the May 18, 1980, eruption of Mt. St. Helens provided the following practical considerations when warning the public. The points summarized below are also applicable for warnings for toxic material spills, floods, nuclear attack or other disasters.

1. Warning message must be specific. For example, saying that flood waters will reach the top of the courthouse steps is much more effective than saying that the river is expected to crest at three feet above flood stage. State exactly what areas are expected to be affected. People must feel personally threatened or at risk before they will respond appropriately.

2. Warning messages must recommend protection actions. ("Get to high ground now!")

3. Warning messages must come from a recognized authoritative source. Although the authoritative source might vary from place to place, people surveyed in areas affected by disasters consistantly identify law enforcement agencies as authoritative sources.

4. Families which have developed specific emergency plans are much more likely to respond quickly and appropriately than families without plans or with some plans.

5. When people are told to evacuate, they should be assured that their homes and possessions will be protected to the extent possible. For example, they might be told to lock up when they leave and that deputies will patrol the area.

Bill Thomas
District 1 Field Representative

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RACES EXERCISES

There are five (5) RACES Exercises planned for Fiscal Year 1982. Four of the exercises will be conducted separately between each of the four districts and State D.E.S. The fifth exercise will be held state-wide in September, 1982.

The first exercise is scheduled for January between District 1 and State D.E.S. There will also be much play among the fourteen (14) counties within the district.

The message content will pertain to nuclear and related situations so it will involve local D.E.S. people as well as your RACES operators.

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CRISIS RELOCATION EXERCISE

The Crisis Relocation Plan for Flathead County was exercised September 30, 1981, at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell, Montana.

The exercise was designed to familiarize responsible officials with crisis relocation actions that need to be addressed, help coordinate planning requirements, and finally evaluate the adequacy of the plan.

The exercise was supported by county commissioners, mayors, American Red Cross, schools, news media, road and bridges, law enforcement, ministerial association, Glacier National Park, Health and Welfare and Fire.

Jerry Oakley, Deputy Regional Director, and Sherryl Osborne, Emergency Management Specialist, were in Kalispell representing the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 8, Denver, Colorado.

Officials representing the State Office of Disaster and Emergency Services in support of the exercise were Dan Lieberg and Moneisa Magnuson, Planners; George Christensen, Training Officer; and Bill Thomas, District 1 Field Representative.

Going over the critique sheets, we felt the response was very positive. The outstanding support we received was due to the effort put forth by Mr. Kim Potter, Flathead County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator.

If any of you have questions about the exercise, just give one of us a call at the State Office.

Moneisa Magnuson

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STAFF TRAINING SEMINARS

The first State Staff Training Seminar for this fiscal year was held the week of October 13th. A multitude of subjects were covered with the emphasis being state support to counties through the new Cooperative Agreement. All four District Representatives were called into Helena for the seminar.

The next quarterly State Staff Training Seminar is scheduled for January 12th through 15th. These sessions will be used to provide the District Representatives and the Helena staff with the latest information available on disaster preparedness. Training for these sessions will come from a variety of sources. A FEMA Disaster Response and Recovery Program will be a part of the next seminar.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING, EVERYONE!

WARNEX 81

Congratulations on a job well done!

Although Montana did not participate in the testing of the Emergency Broadcast System due to a misunderstanding between the Intermountain Network and the State Office, the Warning Exercise went very well. Out of the fifty-six counties in the State only six (Fallon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Phillips, Rosebud and Valley) did not participate or return the Warning Exercise Evaluation.

From the time the exercise was received until the fanout was completed, the counties averaged from 4 minutes to 35 minutes.

To all who took part, again, a good job well done.

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SUPPORTING MATERIALS, MAINTENANCE & SERVICES PROGRAM

During a recent meeting held at FEMA Region VIII in Denver, we were advised that there would be a Supporting Materials Program during the current fiscal year. The amount of funding for this program has not as yet been indicated.

FEMA made the comment: "Go to the locals for supporting materials projects. Have extra projects available in the event additional funds become available."

Those of you who are interested should submit your projects to the State Office of Disaster and Emergency Services.

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NEW RADIO PAGING SYSTEM

The first of December the State will switch over to a new radio paging system. The system will be monitored by the L.E.N.S. (Law Enforcement Network Services) Bureau. Four radio pagers will be available for State use. On a day-to-day basis, the duty officers from Disaster & Emergency Services and Military Support will each have a radio pager.

The big advantage to the new systems will be in the number of radio pagers and the ability to use the system on a daily basis in the Helena vicinity.

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WASHING OFF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

The following is from a letter received by Bill Thomas, District 1 Field Representative, from Larry S. Boriss, Director, Division of Medical Services, Illinois State Medical Society:

> "From my discussions with nuclear and civil defense experts on the state and national levels, it appears that your everyday brand of bar or liquid soap is sufficient to remove radioactive material from the hands. As you stated, it should not be abrasive or cause any tear in the skin. However, to remove radioactive material from equipment, you could use a complexing agent such as Radiac Wash, which is readily available from supply houses."

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NCP

Updated Publications

Home Blast Shelter - Underground concrete shelter
H-12-3, July 1981 (Supersedes H-12-3, dated May 1978)
There is not much change between the old H-12-3 and the new H-12-3. The new edition does list three different sources for ventilating blowers having geared hand-cranked drives:

1) Centaur Forge, Ltd.
   P. O. Box 239
   117 North Spring Street
   Burlington, Wisconsin 53105

2) B&B Sales
   P. O. Box 86
   South Decatur Street
   Marietta, PA 17547

3) TEMET USA, Inc.
   9417 Briar Jac Lane
   Great Falls, VA 22066

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CONTRATULATIONS to Powell County DES Coordinator, Earl Wahl, and staff for winning a 3rd place ribbon for best booth at the tri-county fair held in Deer Lodge in August. Earl's well-decorated booth featured FEMA handouts and the movie, "Protection in the Nuclear Age".

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